



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program permanently revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Michael S. Jackson** (NC60090044, NA60077762). Jackson had sex with a developmentally disabled patient on two or more occasions at the facility where he worked. After the patient was transferred to another facility, Jackson visited her at that facility and had sex with her on two or more occasions.

### **Chelan County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Leah M. Blue** (NA60073499). Blue diverted or failed to account for at least 364 tablets of Vicodin, falsely recorded receiving only part of a prescription, and falsely stated she had returned missing drugs to a patient's family.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of certified nursing assistant and registered nursing assistant **Bryan Jay Maughan** (NA00086334, NC60112951). Maughan failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Clallam County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Anna M. Hedgecock** (NA00147036). Hedgecock forged a patient's name to take at least \$775 from the patient at a long term care facility where she worked.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of certified nursing assistant and registered nursing assistant **Loni Leann Howell** (NA00188183, NC60164322). Howell failed to comply with a previous order and a previous agreement.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Amber Larson** (NA00197395). Larson was convicted of third degree child assault in 2010.

### **Clark County**

In January 2011 the Chiropractic Commission suspended the license of chiropractor **Rhett A. Conner** (CH00003540). Conner failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

In January 2011 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the license of dentist **Steven J. Sorensen** (DE00004256). Sorensen failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Cowlitz County**

In January 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program suspended the credential of **Laurie Jane Rust-Ledford** (CP00004319). Rust-Ledford was observed smoking a glass pipe by staff members of the facility where she worked. When asked about the pipe, she said she used the pipe to smoke her prescribed Ritalin. She failed to respond to department inquiries regarding the incident.

### **King County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Tengku D. Dahlan** (NC10081056). Dahlan kicked a patient multiple times in an attempt to restrain him. Dahlan was found to have abused the patient by the Washington Department of Social and Health Services.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Hagosa T. Ghile** (NC10061198). Ghile transferred a patient alone when the patient's care plan specified that she required a two-person transfer.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Scott A. Kjorsvik** (NA00123139). Kjorsvik appeared intoxicated and his conduct appeared impaired during his scheduled shift at a hospital. He tested positive for alcohol and methadone in a urinalysis.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Trish M. Pugel** (NC10058893). Pugel was found guilty of first degree negligent driving following a charge of driving under the influence in 2009. She was also referred to Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) based on reports of domestic violence and substance abuse. DSHS made findings that Pugel had problems with chemical dependency, was currently in chemical dependency treatment, and was in need of continued treatment.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission vacated the order against the license of registered nurse **Thomas Scheerens** (RN00124123). A hearing will be held to resolve charges against him.

In January 2011 Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Robel E. Zegeye** (NC10077139). Zegeye failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Pierce County**

In January 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of emergency medical technician **Shane R. McBane** (ES01169964). McBane stole about \$483 from the fire department where he worked.

### **Snohomish County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Bruseanna Rickey** (NC10067799). For a period of four years, Rickey was under contract to provide care for a patient. During this time, Rickey was neglectful of the patient in several ways including failing to provide regular meals, failing to provide medications, and leaving the patient alone for hours or days in his own excrement and urine, resulting in sores.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Virginia M. Rivenbark** (NA00173484). Rivenbark took a client's pain medication without permission and replaced it with a medicine of similar appearance.

### **Spokane County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Jennifer R. Kiperash** (NA60016472). Kiperash tested positive for methamphetamine or marijuana, or both, on five or more occasions.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Yvonne R. Pullins** (NA60066767). Pullins withdrew cash from a patient's bank account using the patient's debit card without authorization on multiple occasions. The patient is legally blind.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Patricia Jo Terry** (NA60093861). Terry was convicted of being in physical control of a vehicle while intoxicated in 2010.

### **Thurston County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Olivia D. Foley** (NC10090844). Foley failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In January 2011 the Board of Physical Therapy granted the notice of dismissal and dismissed the case against physical therapy assistant **Andrew Paco Lopez** (P160045837).

**Idaho:** In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Dream J. Easton** (NA60090768). Easton solicited or borrowed at least \$50 from a patient.

**Missouri:** In January 2011 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Sasha Drury** (RN60052375). Drury's application to practice nursing in Arizona was denied, and any temporary certificate issued to her was revoked; she remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

**Montana:** In January 2011 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Angela L. McClain** (RN00148932). McClain began a relationship with a patient and later married him.

**South Korea:** In January 2011 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of physician **Gwang M. Kim** (MD00030888). Kim failed to respond to two complaints alleging that he provided substandard care to two patients. Kim also failed to respond to the statement of charges and was found in default.

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